



Minutes of MAYOR AND COUNCIL Meeting

Approved by Mayor and Council
on April 6, 2010

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2009

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in regular session in the Mayor and Council Chambers in City Hall, 255 West Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 5:36 p.m., on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced Council Member Glassman was unable to be present for the evening's meeting, but he would be participating by telephone. This was allowable under the Mayor and Council Rules and Regulations. Council Member Glassman could vote on all matters in the same way as those members physically present as long as he participated in the discussion. On the evening's agenda, all votes would be done by roll call rather than voice vote.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkup and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

Regina Romero
Rodney Glassman

Vice Mayor, Council Member Ward 1
Council Member Ward 2 (electronic attendance)
(arrived at 5:53 p.m.)
Council Member Ward 3
Council Member Ward 4
Council Member Ward 6
Mayor

Absent/Excused:

None

Steve Leal

Council Member Ward 5

Staff Members Present:

Mike Letcher
Michael Rankin
Roger W. Randolph

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Dr. William H. Knight, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the entire assembly.

Presentations:

- a. Mayor Walkup proclaimed October to be "Community Planning Month". Geoff Gonzales, City Clerk's Office Management Assistant, accepted the proclamation for Albert Elias, Housing and Community Development Department Director.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 547, dated October 27, 2009, was received into and made part of the record. He also announced this was the time scheduled to allow members of the Mayor and Council to report on current events and asked if there were any reports.

- a. Vice Mayor Romero invited everyone to attend the Arizona Media Arts Center lighting of the new marquee by Mayor Walkup at the Screening Room on October 30, 2009.
- b. Council Member Uhlich announced the Ward 3 Council Office on November 10, 2009, and representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation were holding a forum on "Smart Growth."
- c. Council Member Trasoff said during the past weekend, she had the pleasure of attending several neighborhood gatherings. She said she was invited by Vice Mayor Romero and attended a large neighborhood party in Midvale Park that included music, dancing, family events, and food. She said she also attended the Downtown Neighborhood Feast, the Wilshire Heights Neighborhood gathering, and the Hawthorne Street block party. She thanked the neighborhoods for working together to create a strong community.

Council Member Trasoff also thanked Finn Anjakos, an eight-year-old boy, who was concerned with the effects of plastic bags on the environment and took it upon himself to do something about it. She said Finn spent the entire summer, using every penny he earned, and bought reusable bags, Finn's Bags, and gave them away to encourage people to discontinue the use of plastic bags. Council Member Trasoff praised him for his efforts.

4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 548, dated October 27, 2009, was received into and made part of the record. He also announced this was the time scheduled to allow the City Manager to report on current events, and asked for that report.

Mike Letcher, City Manager, announced Tucson had been rated fourth in the 2009 National Digital Cities Survey for online information provided to its citizens. This survey was conducted in cities with a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more. He explained the only other western cities to receive the award were Riverside, California who was rated fifth and Aurora, Colorado who was rated third. He proudly announced the City of Tucson beat all the other western cities, and he commended Ann Strine, Information Technology Director, and her staff for their work.

Mr. Letcher also congratulated Richard Miranda, Deputy City Manager, on being one of the community leaders chosen by McDonalds of Southern Arizona and Univision, as a Hispanic leader who created a path for others.

5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 549, dated October 27, 2009, was received into and made part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read the Liquor License Agenda.

b. Liquor License Applications

NOTE: There are no new license(s) scheduled for this meeting.

c. Special Event(s)

1. La Frontera Mariachi Conference, Ward 3
3300 N. Fairview Ave.
Applicant: Alfonso Dancil
City T87-09
Date of Event: November 14, 2009 - November 15, 2009
(Soccer tournament/fundraiser for La Frontera Mariachi Conference)

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with city requirements.

2. Glassman Foundation Putt-Putt Open, Ward 2
6503 E. Tanque Verde Rd.
Applicant: Don Weston Haskell
City T91-09
Date of Event: November 8, 2009
(Fundraiser for local children's charities)

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with city requirements.

3. Rialto Theatre Foundation, Ward 6
318 E. Congress St.
Applicant: Douglas William Biggers
City T92-09
Date of Event: November 8, 2009
(Live music/performance fundraiser)

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with city requirements.

4. Tucson Jewish Community Center, Ward 2
3800 E. River Rd.
Applicant: Kenneth Light
City T93-09
Date of Event: November 15, 2009
(Fundraiser)

Staff has indicated the applicant is in compliance with city requirements.

d. Agent Change/Acquisition of Control/Restructure

NOTE: There are no agent change(s) scheduled for this meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, to forward liquor license applications 5c1 through 5c4 to the Arizona State Liquor Board with a recommendation for approval.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff; Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent: Council Members Glassman and Leal

The motion to forward liquor license applications 5c1 through 5c4 to the Arizona State Liquor Board with a recommendation for approval was passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Walkup announced this was the time any member of the public was allowed to address the Mayor and Council on any issue except for items scheduled for a public hearing. Speakers were limited to three-minute presentations.

- a. Richard DeBernardis, El Tour de Tucson Director, thanked the Tucson Police Department for their fair and reasonable hourly rate for police service during the El Tour de Tucson on November 21, 2009. He also thanked all City Officials for their involvement in the event.

(NOTE: Council Member Glassman arrived at 5:53 p.m.)

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS A THROUGH J

Mayor Walkup announced the reports and recommendations from the City Manager on the Consent Agenda were received into and made part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read the Consent Agenda.

A. PARKS AND RECREATION: NAMING THE SANTA RITA SKATE PARK THE “ALBERT M. GALLEGGO SKATE PARK”

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-551 WARD 5
2. Resolution No. 21423 relating to parks and recreation; authorizing and approving naming the Santa Rita Skate Park the “Albert M. Gallego Skate Park”; and declaring an emergency.

B. PARKS AND RECREATION: NAMING THE SKATE BOWL ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SANTA RITA SKATE PARK THE “BONNIE BOWL”

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-552 WARD 5
2. Resolution No. 21424 relating to parks and recreation; authorizing and approving naming the Skate Bowl on the north side of the newly dedicated Santa Rita Skate Park the “Bonnie Bowl”; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item would be considered separately at the request of Council Member Uhlich.

C. FINAL PLAT: (S07-101) RIVERFRONT PLAZA, LOTS 1 TO 4 AND COMMON AREAS A AND B

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-554 WARD 1

2. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the final plat as presented. The applicant is advised that building/occupancy permits are subject to the availability of water/sewer capacity at the time of actual application.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION: NAMING LINCOLN PARK FIELDS “A” AND “B” THE “STEPHEN A. PLACENCIA SOCCER FIELDS”

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-553 WARD 4
2. Resolution No. 21425 relating to parks and recreation; authorizing and approving naming the Lincoln Park Soccer Fields “A” and “B” the “Stephen A. Placencia Soccer Fields”; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item would be considered separately at the request of Council Member Scott.

E. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH THE PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE AND THE SUNNYSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING REVENUE

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-555 CITY-WIDE
2. Resolution No. 21427 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements; approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Sunnyside Unified School District #12 (SUSD) to provide \$25,000 in gaming revenues for use by SUSD for the Digital Advantage Program that provides laptop computers to SUSD students; and declaring an emergency.

F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH THE PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE AND THE TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING REVENUE

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-556 CITY-WIDE
2. Resolution No. 21428 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements; approving and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tucson Unified School District #1 (TUSD) to provide \$62,370 in gaming revenues for use by TUSD for Hohokam Middle School to use for enhancement of technology in the classroom and for the Youth in Wilderness Program; and declaring an emergency.

G. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM FUNDING

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-557 CITY-WIDE

2. Resolution No. 21429 relating to Intergovernmental Agreements; approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 3 to the 2005 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Pima County for household hazardous waste program management and funding (approved by Resolution No. 20020 on March 1, 2005); and declaring an emergency.

H. TUCSON CODE: AMENDING (CHAPTER 12) RELATING TO HAND COUNTS OF VOTED BALLOTS FOR ALL CITY ELECTIONS

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-560(2) CITY-WIDE
2. Ordinance No. 10723 relating to elections; authorizing the City Clerk to conduct hand counts in any city election to check the accuracy of the count produced by the central vote tabulating equipment; amending Tucson Code Chapter 12, Article I to add a new Section 12-1.4; and declaring an emergency.

I. PARKS AND RECREATION: ADOPTION OF THE HISTORIC FORT LOWELL PARK MASTER PLAN AND THE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE FORMER ADKINS PARCEL

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-559(2) WARD 2
2. Resolution No. 21431 relating to parks and recreation; approving the Historic Fort Lowell Park Master Plan and Preservation Plan for the former Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item would be continued to the meeting of November 9, 2009 at the request of Council Member Glassman.

J. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: URGING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-561(2) CITY-WIDE
2. Resolution No. 21430 relating to Economic Development; resolving to support local business; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item would be considered separately at the request of Council Member Trasoff.

It was moved by Council Member Scott, duly seconded, that Consent Agenda Items A through J, with the exception of Items B, D, and J, which were considered separately and Item I, which was continued, be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Glassman, Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff;
Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent Council Member Leal

Consent Agenda Items A through J, with the exception of Items B, D, and J, which were considered separately, and Item I which was continued, were declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM B

B. PARKS AND RECREATION: NAMING THE SKATE BOWL ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SANTA RITA SKATE PARK THE “BONNIE BOWL”

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-552 WARD 5
2. Resolution No. 21424 relating to parks and recreation; authorizing and approving naming the Skate Bowl on the north side of the newly dedicated Santa Rita Skate Park the “Bonnie Bowl”; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item was being considered separately at the request of Council Member Uhlich.

Council Member Uhlich stated everyone was very proud to have the Skate Park named after Albert Gallego and was pleased that action was taken. She also noted that the Skate Bowl was being named after a friend and colleague, Bonnie Demorotski. She said Ms. Demorotski worked very hard with many people in the skating community, and pushed for many years to see the Skate Park come to fruition. She congratulated Ms. Demorotski and the skating community for their help in getting this accomplished.

It was moved by Council Member Uhlich, duly seconded, that Consent Agenda Item B, be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Glassman, Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff;
Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent Council Member Leal

Consent Agenda Item B was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM D

D. PARKS AND RECREATION: NAMING LINCOLN PARK FIELDS “A” AND “B” THE “STEPHEN A. PLACENCIA SOCCER FIELDS”

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-553 WARD 4
2. Resolution No. 21425 relating to parks and recreation; authorizing and approving naming the Lincoln Park Soccer Fields “A” and “B” the “Stephen A. Placencia Soccer Fields”; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item was being considered separately at the request of Council Member Scott.

Council Member Scott asked David Jones to come forward to make some comments about the item. She explained that Mr. Jones was instrumental in passing around the signature petition to have the soccer fields renamed.

David Jones said a year ago the community lost a very aspiring athlete by the name of Steven Placencia. Mr. Jones explained that Steven started playing soccer in the community through AYSO and progressed into club soccer. He said he was one of Steven’s coaches for a few years and Steven had grown up with his son. Unfortunately, in January of 2008, Steven passed away after a courageous battle with a very rare form of liver cancer, which he fought bravely for five years. Mr. Jones said the thought it was only right that the soccer fields at Lincoln Park be dedicated and renamed in Steven’s honor. Steven grew up learning soccer on those fields; and although he and the Placencia family were residents of Rita Ranch, the fields at Lincoln Park were the closest fields available to practice and play on.

Mr. Jones said he discussed the idea with his son and the Placencia family, and with the assistance of Council Member Scott’s office, they were able to start the process. He said they gathered over five hundred signatures on the petition to place the item on the agenda. He said everyone was willing to help and they had several fundraisers in the Vail community.

Mr. Jones said the support received by the Vail and Rita Ranch communities was phenomenal, allowing them to bring forth petition, paperwork, and signatures. He said they also met with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and now they were before the Mayor and Council. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their consideration in renaming the soccer fields.

Council Member Scott thanked Mr. Jones for his hard work and efforts into getting this item on the agenda. This was a very important and significant change in renaming the fields, and she was very honored with all the hard work Mr. Jones did to make this happen. She said by their actions, this would become the rule and the two soccer fields, A and B, would now be known as the Steven A. Placencia Soccer Fields at Lincoln Park.

It was moved by Council Member Scott, duly seconded, that Consent Agenda Item D be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Glassman, Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff;
Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent Council Member Leal

Consent Agenda Item D was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM J

J. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: URGING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

1. Report from City Manager OCT27-09-561(2) CITY-WIDE
2. Resolution No. 21430 relating to Economic Development; resolving to support local business; and declaring an emergency.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, announced this item was being considered separately at the request of Council Member Trasoff.

Council Member Trasoff said a couple of months ago, she and Council Member Glassman began talking about the fact that everyone had been working hard as a City, and the City Manager was putting together a team to address how the City could be more

customer friendly and service oriented in every department. She said, in the interim, they both believed a resolution stating their commitment to that, at this point, until an analysis is made by the full team. She said there was good discussion during the Study Session, with the Mayor and Council Members making comments of what had been done in the last couple of years to try to improve those conditions.

Council Member Trasoff said she pulled this item to in order to acknowledge Council Member Glassman and to add a comment made by Council Member Scott stating that this resolution impacted new and existing businesses and it was a way of showing support.

Council Member Trasoff read the Resolution stating “We, the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, resolve to make our City a better community in which to do business by continuing to work toward a regulatory environment that provides opportunities through an efficient, timely, and predictable process to:

- adopt a customer service oriented approach to working with the business community.
- provide a balance between accommodating business and safeguarding and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.
- enlist the cooperation of our business community in preserving our unique environment, respecting our diverse culture and providing high-wage jobs with benefits to raise the quality of life for all Tucsonans.”

Council Member Trasoff stated it was a pleasure working with Council Member Glassman on this resolution.

It was moved by Council Member Trasoff, duly seconded, that Consent Agenda Item J be passed and adopted and the proper action taken.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Glassman, Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff;
Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent Council Member Leal

Consent Agenda Item J was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

8. ZONING: (C15-09-01) COSTCO ANNEXATION DISTRICT, COUNTY CR-2 TO CITY RX-2, CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND DIRECT ORDINANCE

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 558, dated October 27, 2009, was received into and made part of the record. He also announced this was a request to establish original City Zoning for property located north of Grant Road, on the east side of Wilmot Road, along the Pantano Wash. The Zoning Examiner and staff recommended authorization of the rezoning. He asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 10722 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 10722 relating to zoning: establishing original City zoning, from County CR-2 zoning, to City RX-2 zoning, in the area located north of Grant Road, on the east side of Wilmot Road, along the Pantano Wash in Case C15-09-01, Costco Annexation District, which was annexed to the City of Tucson by Ordinance No. 10652; and setting an effective date.

It was moved by Council Member Glassman, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Ordinance 10722.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Glassman, Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff;
Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent Council Member Leal

Ordinance 10722 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 550, dated October 27, 2009, was received into and made part of the record. He asked for a motion to approve the appointments in the report.

It was moved by Council Member Trasoff, duly seconded to approve the appointment of Lisa Degiorgio to the Commission on Disability Issues, and Curry Hale to the Tucson Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards.

Mayor Walkup asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Glassman, Uhlich, Scott, and Trasoff;
Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Absent: Council Member Leal

The motion to approve the appointments of Lisa Degiorgio to the Commission on Disability Issues, and Curry Hale to the Tucson Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards, passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Walkup asked if there were any personal appointments to be made.

There were no personal appointments.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 6:07 p.m.

Mayor Walkup announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on Monday, November 9, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 27th day of October 2009, and do hereby certify that it is an accurate transcription.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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